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The invention provides web, preferably a paper web (3) controlling method for a printer which eliminates specific drawbacks of conventional methods. According to the paper controlling method of the invention, upon shutting off a power source or upon changing over to an on-line mode, a paper feed motor (12) is first rotated reversely to draw back paper by an amount a little greater than an amount of a possible slack therein and is then rotated forwardly to advance the web. By employing the method, possible slack in the paper can be cancelled adjacent a print head (1) in preparation for subsequent printing. Accordingly, high quality printing can be attained.

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